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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS - FRENCH DELEGATION TO
MAY 6 VALLEY FORGE ALLIANCE DAY

1. AMBASSADOR RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR WHALEN REQUESTING INVITATIONS
TO VALLEY FORGE COMMEMORATIONS OF FIRST FRANCO-
AMERICAN ALLIANCE BE EXTENDED TO FRENCH PERSONALITIES
INVOLVED IN BICENTENNIAL. LETTERS SENT TO MEMBERS
OF FRENCH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

2. CYRIL MAKINSKY, PRESIDENT FRANCE-ETATS-UNIS (AND
COMMITTEE MEMBER) INFORMED POST THAT OFFICIAL
VALLEY FORGE INVITATION HAD ALSO BEEN EXTENDED TO
ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AT TIME OF FEBRUARY 6 FRANCO-
AMERICAN TREATY CELEBRATIONS IN PARIS, AND THAT HE
PLANS TO HEAD DELEGATION OF SOME EIGHTY FRANCE-ETATS-
UNIS MEMBERS. GROUP WILL ARRIVE MAY 3 IN NEW YORK,
TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA MAY 4 (EVENING), VISIT
PHILADELPHIA MAY 5, ATTEND VALLEY FORGE CEREMONIES
MAY 6, AND DEPART NEW YORK MAY 7.

3. SINCE INVITATION DELIVERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF
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PHILADELPHIA ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, MAKINSKY HAS
SOLICITED THEIR ASSISTANCE FOR MAY 5 PHILADELPHIA
ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRAM. GROUP WANTS SIGHTSEEING
TOURS, CITY HALL RECEPTION BY MAYOR, MEETING WITH
GOVERNOR IF POSSIBLE, AND FRANCO-AMERICAN DINNER
NIGHT OF MAY 5. ACCORDING TO MAKINSKY, ALL EVENTS
PROMISED AT FIRST, BUT THEN NO INFORMATION OR

CONFIRMATIONS FORTHCOMING.

4. POST WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT PHILADELPHIA ALLIANCE FRANCAISE FOR CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS. PERSON WITH WHOM MAKINSKY DEALING IS ALLIANCE PRESIDENT MRS. TERESA RAWSON. PHONE: ALLIANCE FRANCAISE - AREA CODE 215 - LOCUST 3-1585 OR HOME 215-647-3548. URGENT CONFIRMATION NEEDED OF CITY HALL MEETING/RECEPTION WITH MAYOR, POSSIBLE MEETING WITH GOVERNOR, AND MAY 5 DINNER. LACK OF RESPONSE AND HOSPITALITY CAUSING GREAT EMBARRASSMENT.

5. ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DIRECTOR WHALEN'S STAFF TO CONFIRM PLANS OF FRENCH DELEGATION TO ATTEND VALLEY FORGE FESTIVITIES. GROUP IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH VALLEY FORGE ORGANIZERS. FRENCH EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AWARE OF GROUP'S VISIT, AND MIGHT PERHAPS ASSIST WITH PHILADELPHIA ALLIANCE FRANCAISE PROBLEMS.

6. APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY SOONEST.

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